

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 355
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to recognize Richard C. Shadyac on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Shadyac is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC), the fund raising arm of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, after thirteen years of dedicated service, Richard Shadyac will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, an astute and visionary businessman, Richard Shadyac made a number of strategic decisions that shaped and secured ALSAC, including creating Gift Planning and Donor Services Departments, reorganizing the Direct Mail and Television Programs, and energizing the Country Cares for St. Jude Kids National Radio Program; and

WHEREAS, under his able leadership, St. Jude Hospital has increased its public support from less the \$100 million per year in 1992 to over \$400 million; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shadyac has served ALSAC in many other positions including Chairman of ALSAC from 1966-1968 and 1974-1976, general counsel for ALSAC and St. Jude Hospital from 1964-1976, Chairman of St. Jude Hospital's Board of Governors, member of the Executive Management Board of St. Jude Children's Hospital, and Executive Director of ALSAC from 1974-1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shadyac was instrumental in creating the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon, and he helped establish a partnership between the American University Hospital in Beirut and St. Jude Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Richard Shadyac worked with the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors at St. Jude Children's Hospital, and influential citizens of Lebanon, to open the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon in 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his Herculean efforts, over 150 Middle Eastern children have been treated at the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional humanitarian efforts and outstanding contributions to this great Nation, Richard Shadyac was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining ALSAC, Richard Shadyac served in the United States Army, and was a trial lawyer for the Department of Justice and practiced law at Shadyac & Shadyac, P.C. for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, Richard Shadyac is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shadyac exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Richard Shadyac has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Richard C. Shadyac for his meritorious service to ALSAC and St. Jude Children's Hospital and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.